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The military air base at Oradea, is located one kilometer south of the city, bound on the west by the Oradea-Arad road. Its surface area, which is not fenced in, is about 1,500 by 600 meters.

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- 2. Meteorological aspects:
 - a. Dominating winds:
 - 1) Baltaretul, a strong wind from the Black Sea, blowing from southeast to northwest in the spring and fall, carrying rain.
 - Crivatul, an east-northeast cold wind blowing violently in winter and early spring.

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- 3) Austrum, a wind blowing intermittently throughout the year, dry when coming from the Alps or a rain wind from the Adriatic.
- b. Average visibility: very good; never foggy.
- c. Average temperature:
 - 1) Winter varying between -80 and -350 C.
 - 2) Summer varying between 48° and 430° C.

3. Runway:

- a. Direction: north-northeast to south-southwest.
- b. Length: 1,000 meters; width unknown. Still under construction in November 1953.
- c. Terrain: Very hard turf; rainwater runs off rapidly.

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- 4. Air signals: Located near the guard post plus an air sleeve on each hangar.
- 5. Night flying equipment: Not observed.
- 6. Obstacles: About eight kilometers to the east are the Viilor Mountains. The Oradea-Arad railroad is 600 meters west of the field.
- 7. Buildings:
 - a. Hangars: two small ones with capacity of one plane each.
 - b. Three casernes under construction east of the field on the Cazarmi drill field which previously housed a fighter pilot school.
 - c. Guard post in a one-storied building.
 - d. Weather post.
- 8. Defense of the field: None.
- 9. Planes and personnel: one twin-engine training place; one single-engine biplane and two single-engine planes. About 20 specialized Air Force men, all grades are stationed at the field. Civilian workers are employed in construction work at the field.
- 10. Everyday two twin-engine Douglas planes carry passengers between Oradea and Cluj and sometimes to Bucharest. These planes are at the base in all types of weather.

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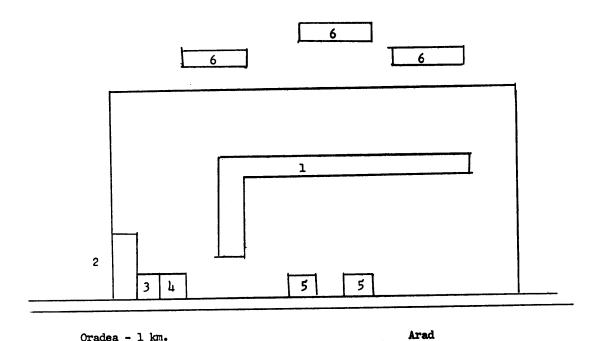


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Oradea Air Base

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Legend:

Oradea - 1 km.

- Runway
 Guard post
 Weather station
 Signal station
 Hangars
 Barracks under construction

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